

MAY 2007



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For details about the agendas, check our web site:
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CITY COUNCIL
Business Meetings – 7 pm
May 8th and 22nd
Work Sessions – 6 pm
May 1st and 15th
NO MEETING – May 29th



At a recent convention of cities and towns, I learned that we as a nation are becoming heavier and less healthy. The average weight of those residing in the United States 45 years ago was 142 lbs., today it is 185 lbs. At that rate, the average baby born today will weigh in at over 250 lbs when he/she reaches retirement age, if they reach retirement age. Today's youth are the first generation that longevity statistics suggest may not outlive their parents. A conscious effort is required to reverse this disturbing trend. Our modern lifestyle of long work days, usually behind a desk, and fast food will only be impacted by focusing on our individual condition and implementing a plan to change it. Fad diets, pills, etc. are not the solution.

In addition to the weight statistic, we were also told that, while health care in the U.S. is the envy of the world, it costs \$2 trillion per year. That's \$7,000 for every man, woman, and child in the country. Seventeen percent of our GNP is spent on health care, compared to 3.8% for defense. Health care expenditures go primarily toward treatment rather than prevention. An effective weight loss program is a prevention program that would reduce not only average weight but also health care costs.

HELPING CREATE A HEALTHIER YOU

Cottonwood Heights is working to create facilities and programs that will help each of us combat our unhealthy lifestyles if we take advantage of them. We are also a most fortunate city in that we have the Recreation Center readily available to assist us in our "Keep in Shape" efforts.

The city, often in conjunction with the Rec. Center, sponsors various activities throughout the year that provide venues for more activity. Spending time each day walking our city on the marked walking routes, joining in on the Cancer Society's Relay for Life, participating in the various events held throughout the year, such as Butlerville Days, Easter egg hunts, Bark in the Park, or walking our dog in the soon to be completed dog park, all provide opportunities to improve our health and enjoy our community.

Elsewhere in this issue is an article discussing the biking, jogging, walking trail the city has acquired fundstoconstruct. Once completed, we need to use it. The Rec. Center also has parks, ball fields, tennis courts, exercise facilities, etc. for the truly dedicated.

It is recommended that we walk 10,000 steps per day. Pedometers are available that will measure our success at reaching this goal and it is both inexpensive and possible for most people to do.

If we remind ourselves periodically that our languid lifestyle and unhealthy food intake can lead to heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and other bodily disorders, (these are maladies that primarily impacted the elderly in the past, but now show up even in children), we might be motivated to take inventory of our own health and formulate a plan for a lifestyle change.

In the numerous public meetings held to develop the city's General Plan, many of you expressed repeatedly the desire for more parks, open space, and trails. In addition to the Old Mill Pond/ Big Cottonwood Trail and the Dog Park, the city council has authorized a study on the future development of recreational sites at Crestwood, Mountview, and Bonneville Shoreline trail. Watch for announcements of public hearings later this fall on what these areas might add to our recreation portfolio. We know that "Activity = Health," and are dedicated to providing opportunity for our residents to enjoy our wonderful outdoors in myriad ways.

Don J. Antczak
District # 3

SECOND "DISTRICT DISCUSSION" SCHEDULED

Keeping residents updated on city happenings, such as the possibility of a new school district, public works projects on Bengal Blvd., plans for a City Center, etc., and receiving feedback regarding citizen concerns are goals of the city council. To help accomplish this, the council is holding a series of "District Discussions" during 2007.

The second "District Discussion" is set for Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the city council

chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Suite 250. Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr. and Councilmember Scott Bracken will make brief remarks about the "State of the City," after which a discussion will be held about issues of concern to those in attendance. Other city officials and employees will be in attendance to respond where appropriate.

Council District #2 is the area east of Highland Drive to approximately 3000 East and north of Creek

Road to roughly 7300 South. The north and east borders are irregular and zig zag along various streets. Residents of this area are encouraged to participate in this "District Discussion." (Those who need to determine whether they reside in District #2 can find a district map at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

"District Discussions" for Districts 3 and 4 will be held in September, and November respectively.



MEMORIAL DAY! MAY 28th



Cottonwood Heights Awarded Grants for Wilderness Trail and Fishery

With the awarding of a \$750,000 Urban Fishery grant by the legislature, along with \$535,000 from the ZAP tax and the probability of an additional \$750,000 in federal funds, Cottonwood Heights is now poised to pursue the creation of an ADA compliant wilderness trail and fishery in the Old Mill area of the city. These grants have been awarded after months of planning and application preparation by city staff and consultants, under the direction of City Manager, Liane Stillman.

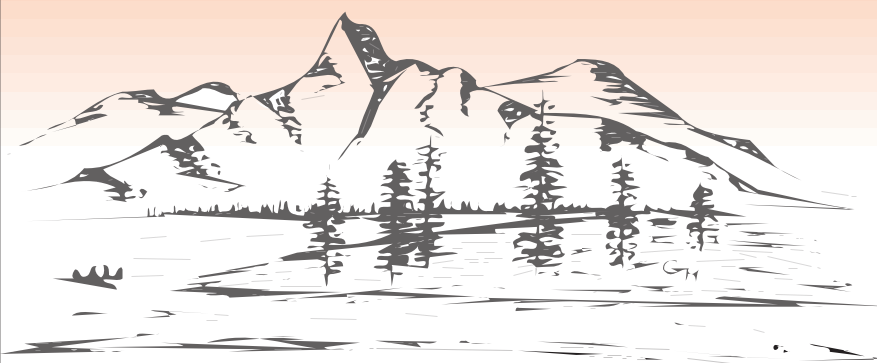
The state funds, administered by the Division of Natural Resources, are to be used for the conversion of Spencer Pond into a fishery and/or trail construction. They were authorized by the 2007 legislature. City officials thank city lobbyist Brian Allen and Speaker Greg Curtis, whose legislative district includes part of Cottonwood Heights, for their efforts in securing this funding.

The ZAP funds, to be used for the walking and biking trail from I-215, near the 6200 South Exit, through the Old Mill business park, to 3000 East, were awarded

and earmarked for this project in 2006.

The federal funds, for which the city is currently a finalist, are being administered by UDOT. They will be used to complete the trail from 3000 East to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. A short section of that trail, within Holladay City boundaries, has been completed. The new trail will begin at the termination of the existing trail and run east to Spencer Pond. It will circle the pond and then follow Big Cottonwood Creek, with a few diversions around private property, to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. It will go beneath Wasatch Blvd. near its intersection with Ft. Union Blvd., and connect at the ski parking lot with the existing trail going up Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Public Hearings and informational meetings on plans for the trail and fishery development and for expenditure of these funds will be held in the near future. More information can be acquired on the city's website: www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.



Town Meetings Set To Discuss Creation of New School District

The long-awaited consultant study on the feasibility of Cottonwood Heights and some neighboring communities and county areas creating their own school district is now available for review and discussion. The cities that contracted for the study have scheduled a series of Town Meetings at which the consultants will present their findings and citizens will have an opportunity to ask questions. Copies of the entire study, in addition to other materials germane to the discussion, can be accessed at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov. Written summaries of the study are also available at the various city offices and other locations with each city.

The Cottonwood Heights Town Meeting is set for Wednesday, May 30 at the Butler Middle School Auditorium, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Representatives of Lewis Young Robertson & Burningham, Inc., Western Demographics, and the Center for Management & Organization Effectiveness will present the methodology and findings of their combined study. City officials will also be in attendance to respond to questions.

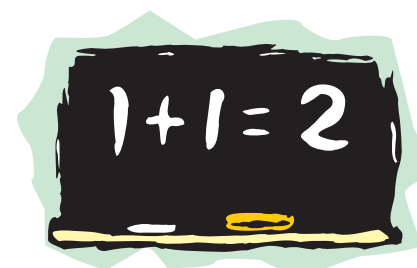
Action by the 2006 and 2007 legislatures made it possible to put the question of school district size to a public vote. The 2006 legislation, "The Creation of New School District Amendments," sponsored by Senator Carlene Walker, Cottonwood Heights, prompted some proponents of smaller school districts to begin conducting feasibility studies to help determine whether creation of a smaller school district would be possible

and how it would impact education quality, teacher availability, tax rates, etc. Numerous cities along the Wasatch Front are investigating the possibility of forming inter-local agreements enabling them to form school districts that are smaller than the existing districts (Jordan School District has nearly 80,000 students, the 41st largest in the United States).

It is probable that residents of Cottonwood Heights, Sandy, Draper, Midvale, Alta, and surrounding areas of the unincorporated county will be asked to vote on whether to withdraw from Jordan School District. Likewise, Holladay, South Salt Lake, and the Millcreek Township may vote to form a new district from the Granite School District. West Jordan is also undertaking initial steps in consideration of forming their own school district.

Additional Town Meetings will be held on May 16, 29, and 31 at Midvale Middle School, Juan Diego High School, and Eastmont Middle School respectively.

After the informational Town Meetings are held, each of the cities and the county will hold Public Hearings, between June 1 and July 10, to receive citizen input about whether the issue should be placed on the ballot for a vote in November. That decision must be made by each city and the county by July 17.



Board of Adjustment

There is an opportunity for a citizen to serve on the Board of Adjustment. The Board meets at least quarterly in the evening, and more often if an appeal is filed. Interested citizens may apply to City Manager Liane Stillman,

(prefer email) or 1265 East Ft. Union Suite 250, stating their interest and qualifications. For details about the Board of Adjustment, please look at 19.92 in our Municipal Code online.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Beginning soon, the city will resurface most residential roads from Bengal Blvd. to Fort Union, between 2700 East and Wasatch Blvd. Resurfacing is also planned for Creek Road, from Union Park Ave. to Highland Drive and for Bengal Blvd, from 2300 East to Wasatch Blvd.





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From A to Z in Cottonwood Heights

Birthday parties, Butlerville Days, Easter egg hunts, storm drain installation, street resurfacing, tree planting, etc. The activities, events, and projects going-on in Cottonwood Heights as we move into summer, 2007, are myriad. In an attempt to keep everyone notified, without having to search for details, on-going and upcoming happenings are listed alphabetically.

ARBOR DAY-Spring stimulates the desire to plant greenery that will benefit us and future generations aesthetically and practically in the form of: oxygen production, wildlife habitat, erosion reduction, air improvement, temperature moderation, paper production, building materials, fuel, and city beautification.

Planting a tree is a relatively simple task, that will produce the benefits listed; and a day is set aside each year for that purpose. Although the actual day for planting trees varies from state to state, Arbor Day was first proposed in 1872 by Nebraska resident Sterling Morton. His proposal resulted in the first Arbor Day and the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska.

Cottonwood Heights Boy Scout, Connor Hart, has chosen the organization of a tree planting

event as his Eagle Scout project and the actual planting will take place on May 5 at Antczak Park.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER - Design plans are being finalized and construction planning is progressing toward beginning work on the development of a community dog park. The park will be built where the wetlands and park and ride lot are located in the triangle formed by the intersection of 3500 East and Wasatch Blvd. The planned park will occupy the entire two acres and will be developed to include storm drains as an enhancement. It is hoped that construction can begin in late fall and target completion is spring of 2008.

The very successful “Bark in the Park” activity that was so appealing to many Cottonwood Heights’ dog lovers will be reprised this summer. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and presentation of the event.

The decision has also been made for Cottonwood Heights to begin providing its own animal control services. Beginning in January, 2008, a new Ordinance Enforcement Division will begin handling both code violations and animal control.

A meeting to discuss each of these animal related issues is scheduled

for Wednesday, May 16 at 4:00 p.m. at the city offices. Any who are interested in participating in any or all of the “dog lover’s” projects are invited to attend that meeting to provide input and/or volunteer. Those desiring to volunteer can also go to the city’s website: www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

BENGAL TRIANGLE – Those who frequent the Bengal Blvd./ Highland Drive intersection have likely noted the significant landscape improvement on the triangle created by the road patterns there. More than \$150,000 has been spent on a sprinkler and drip system, electrical wiring to the base of the trees, and a street light. Rocks, shrubbery, and trees have been artistically placed to replace the weeds. Watch for lighted decorations when holidays arrive.

BUTLERVILLE DAYS – As in the past two years, this “town days” style celebration will be held on July 24 again this year. Activities will run from 4:00 p.m. with a parade, through 10:00 p.m. when the fireworks demonstration will end. More details are available on the city’s webpage.

PARK RIDGE TRAFFIC STUDY – Analysis of traffic speed along Park Ridge Drive before and after striping reveals

that drivers are moving slower. Striping is but one of numerous traffic calming devices available to help cope with speeding and erratic driving in residential neighborhoods. The results of this study and additional information on traffic calming are available on the city’s website.

STORM DRAIN PROJECTS – Construction is continuing on two storm drain projects on 2300 the city is hit by those rainstorms that overload the city’s roadside gutter system. The project running from 6600 to 6710 south includes inlet boxes, new pipe and curb and gutter.

The Bengal Blvd. project includes the same items as listed above and some sidewalk sections. This project is more complex as it involves the offset intersection near Brighton High School. Both projects are about 50% complete and traffic slow down and occasional stoppage will be experienced for a while longer. **For more information:** Chair Geoff Armstrong, 943-3191.



City to Host RELAY FOR LIFE

Cottonwood Heights, in concert with the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center, will host the “Relay for Life East Bench,” sponsored by the American Cancer Society, on June 29 – 30 of this year. Cottonwood Heights is honored to be selected as the host community for this important happening and anticipates a high level of interest from our citizens. The event will run from 5:00 p.m. Friday until 10:00 a.m., Saturday. It will be held at Butler Park, west of the Rec. Center, and will begin with an opening ceremony and Survivors Lap. Dozens of luminaries will light the way. Following the initial

lap, the teams will take over and continue to walk until morning. Registration is handled at www.acsevents.org/relay/ut/eastbench.

This innovative fund-raising event has been held throughout the country for the past 16 years and over 4,600 relays will be held in 2007. Funds are raised by the participating teams with each team pledging \$100 per person to participate. Teams may be comprised of up to 10 individuals. The relay itself requires at least one member of the team to be walking on the track at all times. Teams will be allowed to bring food and to erect tents. They will relay the responsibility for

walking to the various team members throughout the night. Families, neighborhoods, businesses, clubs, schools, churches, etc. are encouraged to form teams to participate in the relay. (Individuals are also welcome). Anyone who has been touched by the joy of survivorship or the sorrow of cancer caused death, is encouraged to help to raise money for research, education, advocacy, and treatment. Over 75% of the money raised is used on the “front-lines” of research and treatment. The bulk of the remaining 25% is used for additional fund raising efforts. Since this is the first year for

this important event to be held in Cottonwood Heights, many volunteers are needed. Cottonwood Heights is developing a reputation for the quality and quantity of its volunteers. Those interested in carrying on the volunteer tradition of our community are encouraged to contact Dean Dominguez at the number listed below.

To register, volunteer, or find additional information, contact Dean Dominguez at 801-483-1500, Option 3, or on-line at www.acsevents.org/relay/ut/eastbench.